

Senate Resolution 1304

By: Senators Hill of the 4th and Unterman of the 45th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Effingham County Victim Witness Assistance Program
2 on the occasion of its 20th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, established in 1989, the Effingham County Victim Witness Assistance Program
4 is a nonprofit organization that provides extensive services to victims and witnesses of
5 personal injury crimes and is the only program of its kind in the State of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, clients of the Effingham County Victim Witness Assistance Program are
7 offered crisis intervention services, emotional support and understanding, referral to a safe
8 shelter, referrals to programs that assist in dealing with trauma, and relocation assistance; and

9 WHEREAS, the program aids victims and witnesses throughout their legal proceedings by
10 providing an explanation of the criminal justice system, notice of court proceedings,
11 assistance in obtaining a temporary protective order, help in preparing a victim impact
12 statement, a court companion, information on the status of their cases, and assistance in filing
13 for crime victim compensation; and

14 WHEREAS, the program's early advocates, such as United Way's Bonnie Dixon and
15 Reverend Dr. George Dillard, were instrumental in its creation, and the leadership provided
16 by dedicated employees, volunteers, and Executive Director Glenda King have helped the
17 program grow and thrive; and

18 WHEREAS, since this amazing program's inception, over 2,500 clients have benefitted from
19 its services, greatly furthering its goal of stopping the cycle of violence, changing the future,
20 and demonstrating that there is love and peace in the world; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding work of this fine
22 organization and its numerous contributions to the citizens of this state be appropriately
23 recognized.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 commend the Effingham County Victim Witness Assistance Program for providing victims
26 and witnesses of crimes with unparalleled services and support and congratulate this
27 distinguished organization on the occasion of its 20th anniversary.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Effingham County Victim Witness
30 Assistance Program.